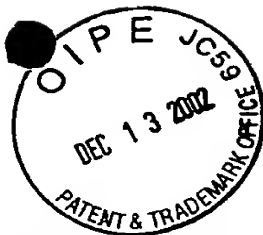


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Examiner: Pierre E. Elisca
For: System and Method for Performing a Business Process
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks.

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